

2. (not amended) The blade according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises
a base portion including a first material and
a surface portion including a second material, wherein the surface portion comprises the
specular surface.
3. (not amended) The blade according to claim 2, wherein the second material comprises
chromium.
4. (not amended) The blade according to claim 2, wherein the second material comprises glass.
5. (not amended) The blade according to claim 1, wherein the hard plate comprises a ceramic.
6. (not amended) The blade according to claim 1, wherein the hard plate has a thickness on the
order of a micron.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph starting at page 11, line 1:

The surface on which the ceramic 20 is coated may be mechanically polished, electro-polished, or otherwise polished, for example by liquid flow or melting. Preferably an ordinary non-specular blade (or a portion near the edge) is plated with a secondary coating layer 12 which has a specular outer surface due to the plating or polishing process and needs no further polishing. One example is chromium plating, which is applied via a widely-used process.

Delete the paragraph starting at page 11, line 9.